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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

FREEDMAN'S HOSPITAL,

NEAR TALLADEGA, ALABAMA,

For the Year 1871.

TO THE GOVERNOR.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.:
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REPORT.

To His Mxcellency Robert B. Lindsay,
Governor of the State of Alabama :

Dear Sir—The undersigned secretary of the board of trustees of the Freedman's Hospital, near Talladega, Alabama, beg leave to submit the following report : Showing the receipts and disbursements of the fund of State appropriation, with the management and present condition of said hospital.

The whole number of inmates on the 1st day of January, 1871, was thirty-nine (39). Three have died, and ten have been discharged. Now in the hospitol twenty-six (23).

The names, ages, diseases, and condition of the inmates is shown in the report of the hospital steward, Mr. G. P. McAfee, which accompanies this and is referred.

The appropriation made by the Legislature, and at one disposal for the support of the hospital for the present year, including amount for pay of steward, and medicines, and medical attention was $3,740 00. The board employed the steward for $600 00, the amount limited by the act of theLegislature ; but did not make any contract for medicines and medical attention, but purchased medicines and procured medical attention as it was needed, and cases reported by the steward, thereby saving of the amount specified and limited by the Legislature for that purpose nearly one-half.

The board of trustees, at the first of the year, fearing that the amount appropriated might be insufficient for the

year, strived to economize by reduction of rent and reducing the number, as well as pay, of attendants; find that the amount has been ample and sufficient. They did not think it advisable or prudent to expend any of the fund for clothing, shoes, hats, &c., until recently, as many of the inmates would have worn them out before winter, but as the winter approached, have purchased goods for clothing and are now having them made up; also bought shoes, hats, and other articles needed for their comfort; an account of the same will be forwarded to your Excellency for your approval, and is also shown in this report.

The amount expended by the board for the support of the hospital, including this month, November, together with cost of material for clothing, shoes, hats, &c., with amount of pay for mannfacturing the clothing, amounts to $3,186 82, which with the probable amount that will be required for the next month (December) for which the steward has filed his requisition, $256 64 will make the aggregate of expenses for the year of $3,446 46, which will leave the sum of $293 54 not required.

By order of the board, we would further report, that every economy has been used in providing for said hospital and in husbanding the fund appropriated, while the necessities of the inmates and their health have been carefully looked after and no care or pains spared in providing for their welfare. The premises on which the hospital is situated is well suited for it, good water, with a running stream through the yard, all kept clean and comfortable. Would further report that the steward, Mr. G. P. McAfee, has kept good order and has the patients under good command and control.

As regards the continuation of the hospital, and providing for those old, blind, idiotic and crippled inmates, after mature reflection, the board is of opinion that the only just and equitable, as well as most humane course to adopt, is to continue said hospital at least for a while longer, as it would be manifestly unjust for them to be

put upon the counties, from which they stand reported, more than half of them being reported from Talladega, when in fact, many of those reported from this county were not living in it until after the surrender and during the time the garrison was here distributing supplies.

Respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

W. H. THORNTON,

Secretary Board of Trustees,

Freedman's Hospital, Talladega, Ala.

To His Excellency R. B. Lindsay, Governor of Alabama.

Amount of appropriation, and amount expended for year 1872:

To amount of appropriation.....		$3,740 00
By amount expended—		
For the month of January.....	$283 50	
For the month of February.....	267 74	
For the month of March.....	237 82	
For the month of April.....	311 42	
For the month of May.....	311 32	
For the month of June.....	266 89	
For the month of July.....	258 10	
For the month of August.....	273 80	
For the month of September.....	282 17	
For the month of October.....	243 48	
For the month of November.....	256 64	
Probable the month of December....	256 64	
Amount for clothing, hats, shoes, socks, &c.....	196 94	$3,446 46
		$ 293 54

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THORNTON,

Secretary Board of Trustees,

Freedman's Hospital, near Talladega, Ala.

REPORT

Of inmates present at the Freedman's Hospital near Talladega, Alabama, at date of last report, November, 1870.

No.	Names.	Age.	Residence.	Diseases.	Discharged.	Died.
1	Burns, Prommer	50	Talladega,	Deformity		
2	Billingsley, Dan'l	40	Dallas,	Ulcer, leg	Sept. 30, 70	
3	Baker, Sarah. ...	40	Dallas,	Ulcer, leg	Sept. 30, 70	
4	Baker, Victoria..	11	Dallas,		Jan. 1, 1870	
5	Baker, Henry. ..	5	Dallas,		Sept. 30, 71	
6	Blane, Lucinda..	45	Dallas,	Blind,		
7	Blane, Emeline..	11	Dallas,			
8	Blane, Frank ..	4	Dallas,			
9	Cameron, B... .	37	Talladega,	Blind,		
10	Coffee, Leah ...	41	Talladega,	Sypilis,		
11	Coffee, Amelia..	7	Talladega,			
12	Coffee, Harnett..	2	Talladega,			
13	Dobbins, Nellie .	70	Talladega,	Epilepsy,		
14	Dent, Katie.. ..	65	Dallas,	Blind,		
15	Dent, Wm.....	9	Dallas,		Sept. 30, '71	
16	Dent, Henry....	5	Dallas,			
17	Faulk, Jas.....	21	Talladega,	Idiocy,	Jan. 1, 1871	
18	Freeman, Dollie.	35	Butler,	Idiocy,		
19	Graddie, Hester .	50	Dallas,	Debility,		
20	Hubbard, Robert	65	Butler,	Ulcer, leg,		
21	Hamill, Walter..	11	Talladega,	Epilepsy,		
22	Huey, Chas.. ..	9	Talladega,		Jan. 1, 1871	
23	Jones, Jane.. ..	25	Dallas,	Idiocy,		
24	Jones, Lucy.. ..	24	Dallas,	Idiocy,		Aug. 27, ['71.
25	Leggins, Green..	30	Talladega,	Idiocy,		
26	Martin, Peter. ..	35	Talladega,	Deformity		
27	Oliver, Orr	63	Dallas,	Blind,		
28	Oilver, Orr, jr..	12	Dallas,		Sept. 30, 71	
29	Plowman, Thos.	80	Talladega,	Rh'matism		
30	Roberts, James.	85	Talladega,	Debility,		
31	Roberts, Hannah	65	Talladega,	Idiocy,		
32	Russell, Alex....	12	Butler,	Curv. spine		
33	Smith, Stephen..	60	Talladega,	Blind,		Oct. 3, ['71.
34	Simmons, Sarah.	70	Talladega,	Old age.		
35	Stone, Rachel...	29	Talladega,	Epilepsy,		
36	Snyder, Phillis..	23	Butler,	Idiocy,		
37	Thomas, Isaac..	40	Dallas,	Frac. leg,		
38	Thomas, Rachael	71	Butler,	Old age,		Sept. 9, ['71.
39	Tuck, Martha...	25	Talladega,	Paralysis,		

I have the honor to forward herewith my Annual Report of the inmates of the Freedmen's Hospital, Talladega, Ala. You see that we have had only three deaths since the first day of January, 1871, and ten have been discharged, making a total loss of thirteen; eight of them, however, are children, drawing half rations, making a difference of only nine, instead of thirteen, in the ration report.

In my monthly report of rations I have deducted there-

from each time those who have died, or have been discharged the preceding month. You will occasionally see a difference in the amounts expended for the articles, peas and rice, which I deem my duty to explain: Some months I used more beef than others, and when I issue beef, I issue no peas, but soup instead, when bacon, peas, or rice invariably accompany it.

The Hospital is at this time in splendid condition. The houses, yards, etc., are at all times kept thoroughly cleansed of all dirt and rubbish, by the attending nurse.

ATTENDANTS.

Edmund Moore.....*Teamster.*
Mary Dillard.....*Cook.*
Louisa Hardie.....*Nurse.*

HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

The following is a list of Hospital Property now on hand, Nov. 1st, 1871:

No.	Articles.	No.	Articles.
100	Bedsteads, iron.	60	Mugs.
145	Bed ticks; 10 used for clothing.	12	Tin wash-basins.
230	Blankets; 10 used to disch'd pat's.	300	Bed-tick frames.
45	Sheets; 5 used as winding-sheets.	10	Candlesticks.
87	Colored spreads.	1	Clock.
87	Pillows, issued.	2	Cork-screws.
58	Drawers, pairs of.	300	Feet clothes line.
15	Shirts.	3	Feeding cups.
24	Bed-side tables.	2	Tin pt. funnels.
24	Chairs.	2	Nutmeg graters.
7	Chambers.	2	Glass lanterns.
3	Bed pans.	1	Hand litter.
12	Spit boxes.	1	Graduated measure, 1
6	Spit mugs.	1	" " 1
12	Tin cups.	1	" " minimum.
27	Tin plates.	1	Tin " " gal. to pt.
14	Wooden buckets.	1	Coffee mill.
6	Urinals.	2	Mortars and pestles.
12	Bowls.	1	Pill tile.
6	Pitchers.	4	Sad irons.
12	Plates, delph.	1	Scales for prescriptions.
5	Dishes.	1	" " shop.
80	Knives.	2	Spatulas.
80	Forks.	2	Cooking stoves.
47	Table spoons.	3	Heating stoves.
12	Tea spoons.	1	Cleaver.

List of Hospital Property present at Freedmen's Hospital at Talladega, Ala., at date of last Report, November, 1870.

No.	Articles.	No.	Articles.
100	Bedsteads, iron.	1	Clock.
155	Bed ticks.	2	Cork-screws.
260	Blankets.	3	Feeding cups.
50	Shirts.	300	Feet clothes line.
87	Colored spreads.	2	Tin pint funnels.
92	Pillows.	2	Nutmeg graters.
	Pillow-cases.	2	Glass lanterns.
58	Drawers, pairs of.	1	Hand litter.
15	Sheets.	1	Graduated measure, 1
24	Bed-side tables.	1	" " 1
24	Chairs.	1	" " minimum.
7	Chambers.	1	Tin measure, gallon to pint.
5	Bed pans.	1	Coffee mill.
12	Spit boxes.	2	Mortars and pestles.
6	Spit mugs.	1	Pill tile.
12	Tin cups.	1	Scales and w'hts for prescrip'ns.
27	Tin plates.	1	" " " shop.
14	Wooden buckets.	2	Spatulas.
6	Urinals.	4	Sad irons.
12	Bowls.	2	Cooking stoves.
6	Pitchers.	3	Heating stoves.
12	Plates, delph.	1	Cleaver.
5	Dishes.	1	Flesh fork.
80	Knives.	2	Iron tea kettles.
80	Forks.	1	Butcher knife.
47	Table spoons.	1	Plow.
12	Tea spoons.	6	Weeding hoes.
60	Mugs.	130	Bottles, all sizes.
12	Tin wash-basins.	14	Pots and jars.
300	Bed tick frames.	25	Cans.
10	Candlesticks.		

Where the report of November, 1871, does not correspond with that of November, 1870, it will be seen that I have issued blankets and bed ticks for wearing apparel to discharged patients; and the sheets not present have been used as shrouding for those who have died during the year, by order of the Board of Trustees.

At this date, everything about the Hospital is perfectly clean and healthy.

Hoping that during the year I have been successful in trying to give entire satisfaction,

I am, very respectfully,

Your obt. serv't,

G. P. P. McAFEE,

Hospital Steward.

To Hon. G. T. McAfee, Wm. H. Thornton, Wm. Y. Hendrick, Board of Trustees.